

## Notices for 07 April

Information about upcoming events, news and how to get involved below.

Patterns of worship [here](#), Children's [here](#), church calendar [here](#) and giving [here](#).

### WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND ST. MARK'S & THE MISSION AREA:

**2024 ANNUAL REPORT OUT NOW:** in preparation for the upcoming APCM please [read the report here](#). Copies also available at the back of church.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** – please save the date for your diary. This will be held at **11am on Sunday 28 April** in the building and on Zoom following a shortened morning service.

**ROAD CLOSURES - Sunday 7 April** is the Sheffield half marathon, there will be road closures that may affect you getting to St Marks. [Click here for more info.](#)

**ENVIRONMENT SURVEY** - Environment Group is taking stock, now that we have our Eco Church Gold award, and thinking about where our focus as a church should be for the next year or two. We would like to widen this thinking out to the whole church family and would be very grateful if you take a few minutes to think about and respond to 2 questions. Responses will be collated and we will feed back to you. [Click here to submit your answers.](#) Or email the office or complete the paper copy at the back of church.

Thinking about the climate and biodiversity emergencies:

- 1 What do we really care about?
- 2 What could we and our church do next?



**ELECTORAL ROLL ANNUAL REVISION** – this is the list of people who have the right to vote in St Mark's Annual Church meetings, stand for our church council (or one of the local or national bodies e.g., deanery synod, diocesan synod, or General Synod). If you are not already on the electoral roll there is a form which needs to be completed and returned to Peter Ryder by **Thursday 11 April**, it can be accessed electronically [HERE](#) or there are paper copies at the back of church. To qualify you need to be baptised, aged 16 or over and either live in the parish or attend worship here regularly. Worshipping via Zoom also counts. Please do sign up if you have not already because it is one of the ways the wider church sees how active a parish church is. For more information ask any of the PCC. *Thank you*

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## **FAITH PERSPECTIVES ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS – 28 April 7pm**

You are invited to a meeting at St Mark's Church, Broomfield Road, Broomhill, Sheffield from 7 pm to 8.45 pm on Sunday 28 April at which we will consider the current Middle East crisis from the point of view of the three religious faiths that are involved -Jewish, Muslim and Christian. How can a just and lasting peace be secured?

The meeting will begin with four short talks by the following speakers:

- Revd Dr Casey Strine, Senior Lecturer in Ancient Near Eastern History and Literature and the Bishop of Sheffield's Adviser on Inter Faith Relations – on Palestine as a Holy Land for three religions.
- Dima Shami – from Sheffield's Palestinian community.
- Professor Jane Ginsborg – Chair of Seven Hills Shul, formerly Sheffield and District Reform Jewish Congregation.
- Mark James – Kairos Sheffield, a network of Christians in Sheffield concerned and active for justice and peace in the Holy Land.

These talks will be followed by Q and A and discussion. The meeting will end with a period of private prayer.

## **ART EXHIBITION IN SUPPORT OF SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM WILDLIFE**

**TRUST** - Margot Fox is holding an exhibition of her recent paintings to support Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. The exhibition will be open weekdays from the 9th - 19th April, 10am - 4pm at the Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield, S1 4FW.

**ST. JOHN'S RANMOOR** - Please join our mission partner, as they embark on celebrating their 150-year anniversary in 2029 with a project called Paper, Scissor, Stone! Over the next 5 years, they have a diverse array of events and celebrations planned. Starting on April 13 at 4.30pm when the local historian, Loveday Herridge, will be talking about their founder, the brewer and art collector, John Newton Mappin, with real ales and Victorian music. £3. [More information about this event and the celebrations can be found here](#)

## **TAIZE EVENT IN SHEFFIELD – 20 April, St Mary's Walkley, 12.30-20.00**

Brother Jean-Patrick, who is the link brother to the UK, is coming for a visit in April. As part of this, he is coming to Sheffield for an afternoon, on Saturday 20th April. We will be hosting him at St Mary's Walkley, where he has kindly offered to lead a reflection, as well as having some time for discussion, silence, a shared meal and evening prayer. We would love to have as many people there as possible, all are welcome. Please do share this information widely, as we know there are now more and more Taizé prayers happening across Sheffield which is wonderful.

There is a [sign up sheet with more information here](#)

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT ON SUNDAY MORNINGS** - It takes three volunteers each week to ensure that everybody in the building and on Zoom can see and hear what is going on. Usually two of these people sit at the back of the church, one operating the sound desk - this controls the sound and camera and is connected to the projector, the second controlling the PowerPoint slides. The third is usually Shan in Somerset who controls the waiting room letting people into the meeting. All three are only connected by the Zoom meeting. There is only a small team of people who do these jobs. If you are interested in joining the team please let me or Maria Oliver know.

*David*

**AUDIO RECORDINGS OF SERMONS** are now on the St Mark's website. [Click here.](#)



**25 February 2024 - Roots and Shoots - Shan Rush**

Shan Rush

It is the second Sunday in the Christian season of Lent Shan Rush links it to the season of the year, to explore the roots of our faith

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**BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION** - If you are considering baptism or confirmation and would like to discuss this further, please to talk to Beth Keith either after the service or contact on email [beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk](mailto:beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk) .

**ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH** -Recently I attended a most interesting U3A talk by Dr Simon Bell of the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience, where he is the NIHR Lecturer in clinical neurology. He is seeking healthy volunteers to join the control group for his Alzheimer Metabolic Imaging Study. This involves having a brain scan, blood test, and skin sample to examine mitochondrial energy generation. They also do some memory testing and ask people optionally if they are happy to have a lumbar puncture. I am participating. If interested to learn more contact Simon at [s.m.bell@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:s.m.bell@sheffield.ac.uk) mentioning my name, Michael Miller.

Associated is also research developing an early dementia assessment tool. It is called Cognospeak. It involves talking to a computerised doctor on your PC to answer questions about memory. The link to the website for the study [www.cognospeak.com](http://www.cognospeak.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE - Trauma Informed Ministry Day, 19 October, 9.30-14.00**

An interactive workshop by Rev Hilary Ison at St Mark's Church Broomhill S10 2SE.

Come and equip yourself to deal with the stresses and strains of daily life better.

An interactive workshop exploring how understanding ourselves and our body's reaction to trauma better can enable us to build resilience for the future. Hilary will help us learn how to check in on ourselves and respond in a more considered and creative way, enabling us to look after ourselves and accompany others better in pastoral ministry through difficult times. We will look at how we can respond in a helpful, healthy way, both individually and collectively as congregations and communities, and the biblical and faith resources available to help. We will finish with an optional healing service. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Hilary is a great speaker who is experienced in all kinds of church leadership and teaching and a trustee for St Lukes for Clergy Wellbeing. For more information and to book [Click Here](#)

### **APRIL ECO TIP**

This year, we will be supporting the Eco Tip calendar provided by [Rocha](#), who gave us our Gold Eco Church Award last year, follow along for a new tip every month:

**Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine.** Reevaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel, i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences. Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage